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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING RECENT DISCUSSION WITH JANSSEN (FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE EC-THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS) WE ASKED WHETHER BELGIAN RESERVATIONS ON VEHICLES EARLIER EXPRESSED IN BRUSSELS REFTEL STILL STOOD. JANSSEN EXPLAINED THAT PROBLEM WITH LOWERING DUTY ON TRUCKS IS THAT GOB WISHES TO MAINTAIN PRESENT FOUR PERCENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DUTIES ON PARTS AND THOSE ON ASSEMBLED VEHICLES IN ORDER TO PROTECT BELGIAN ASSEMBLY PLANTS. THIS POSITION IS BY NO MEANS NEW (IT WAS AN ISSUE IN KENNEDY ROUND) AS WAS IMPLIED BY UK OFFICIAL GENT'S COMMENT IN PARA FIVE OF REFTEL A. WE SUGGESTED THAT LOWERING DUTIES ON TRUCK COMPONENTS

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AS WELL AS ON ASSEMBLED VEHICLES MIGHT RESOLVE BELGIAN PROBLEM.

JANSSEN IMPLIED THAT THIS MIGHT SIMPLY RAISE FURTHER DIFFICULTIES
FOR OTHER EC COUNTRIES.

2. JANSSEN RECALLED TO US THAT BELGIAN POSITION WAS AND REMAINS
THAT GOB PREPARED TO MAKE SACRIFICES IN ACCEPTING COMPLETE
LIST, BUT THAT IF OTHER COUNTRIES SEEK CHANGES IN LIST, BELGIUM
OBLIGED TO DO LIKEWISE.
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